process Control, Computer Software have been recognised as potential areas for technology transfer to countries such as Australia, Canada, France, Italy, U.K.

Stopping the import of kits for colour Televisions

*312. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to stop the import of kits for colour television in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The import of the kits for the Colour Television is not permitted as per the import policy.

(b) Does not arise.

Mutual benefit scheme

*313. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts were seized by the Income Tax Department in various raids conducted on the premises of persons running 'mutual benefit schemes' in Punjab in August, 1983;

(b) what was the number of claims filed so far by different persons aggrieved by the operation of these schemes;

(c) whether these claimants/victims were afforded an opportunity of hearing and what decisions have been taken on their claims for the return of the money illegally received from them;

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted to ascertain whether the operators had any linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State; and

(e) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A search under the Income-tax Act which was conducted in August 1983 in the premises of the firm M/s Janta Janta Scheme, Sirhind, Punjab resulted in the seizure of unaccounted cash of Rs. 67.34 lakhs.

(b) 88,921 claims were filed by different persons with the Income Tax Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. While assessing the income of the firm, due opportunities to claimants regarding the depqsits with the firm were given. The money was not illegally received from the claimants by the Department.

(d) and (e) No evidence of linkages which could prove prejudicial to the State has come to the Notice of the Income Tax Department.

Accredited correspondents by PIB

*314. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th Nov., 1986; and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several information officers have been appointed to cater to the requirements of the accredited correspondents by the Press Information Bureau for every Ministry of Govenment and its departments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereto; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these Information Officers have been discriminating in the issue of hand-outs and information to a selected few of their choice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Varous Publicity Officers of the Press Information Bureau have been attending to the publicity work of Ministries/Departments.